

June 30, 2009

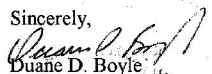
Stephanie Strength  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
USDA, Rural Utilities Service  
Engineering and Environmental Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

RE: CAPX 2020-Scoping decision doc PUC no. ET2/TL-08-1474

Dear Ms. Strength,

I see that the 57<sup>th</sup> street Alternate has been changed to 50<sup>th</sup> street W.. The reasoning was to avoid homes along 57<sup>th</sup> Street W.. I would like to point out that there are Twenty mail boxes on 57<sup>th</sup> Street W. from Elmore to Hwy. 35W and nineteen mail boxes on 50<sup>th</sup> Street W.. I do not see why the twenty is that much more important than the nineteen on 50<sup>th</sup> Street West. I did notice that 66 street west contains only two or three houses. I would also like to establish the point that you would be moving seven blocks closer to the Sky Harbor air park (refer my April 8, 2009 letter to you) housing some forty planes and crop dusters. In addition this past weekend three hot air balloons were operating out of the air part flying every which way which could create a very dangerous situation. I would like to also add that at the intersection just west of County road 5 this new proposed 50<sup>th</sup> street line would run directly through one of the largest organic dairy farms in the state, the Coffing residents. Most of the people on 50<sup>th</sup> street west have not written because the original alternate was 57<sup>th</sup> street not 50<sup>th</sup> street. I myself living on 50<sup>th</sup> street am vehemently against the project and especially against the 50<sup>th</sup> street new proposal. I and my neighbor have spent thousands of dollars along with the US Fish and wildlife service establishing a natural wildlife area containing one hundred acres. We have planted thousands of trees and wild prairie grasses. The transmission line would destroy our whole concept as well as having devastating effect on our neighboring land values. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Duane D. Boyle  
3850 W. 50<sup>th</sup> street  
Webster, Mn. 55088  
952-652-4041

#### I-140-001

This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded your comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.